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C O N F I D E N T I A L GEORGETOWN 1401

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ELAB, PINT, GY
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE TWENTY-FOUR HOUR STRIKE MAY CLOSE AIRPORT

1. PRESIDENT GORDON TODD OF THE INDEPENDENT CLERICAL AND
COMMERCIAL WORKERS UNION (CCWU) HAS CALLED FOR A GENERAL STRIKE
THURSDAY, MAY 4, TO PROTEST GOVERNMENT OF GUYANA (GOG) FAILURE
TO DEAL WITH THE CURRENT ECONOMIC CRISIS, ACCORDING TO LOCAL
RADIO.

2. INDICATIONS ARE THAT OTHER INDEPENDENT AND OPPOSITION
LABOR UNIONS MIGHT RESPOND TO TODD'S CALL. IN ANY EVENT, THE
CCWU, BY ITSELF, CAN SHUT DOWN MANY BUSINESSES AND ENTERPRISES IN-
CLUDING TIMERHI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. (EMBASSY WILL ADVISE IF
COMMERCIAL AIRLINES ANNOUNCE CANCELLATION OF FLIGHTS.)

3. GOG HAS NOT REACTED PUBLICLY TO STRIKE THREAT. THE EMBASSY
HAS LEARNED, HOWEVER, THAT MINISTER OF HEALTH, HOUSING AND
LABOR HAMILTON GREEN HAS PRIVATELY LABELED TODD'S CALL
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A POLITICAL AND DESTABILIZING MOVE.
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